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In re application of : Confirmation No. 6163  
Toshikazu TACHIKAWA et al. : Docket No. 2002-0069  
Serial No. 10/053,622 : Group Art Unit 1752  
Filed January 24, 2002 : Examiner Rosemary E. Ashton

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COMPOSITION

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of April 23, 2003.